

BDA endeavours to make famous snow-filled Guldanda meadow plastic free, installs dustbins

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BHADARWAH: Continuing with its endeavour to make high altitude meadows free from bio non degradable material after PM's G20 slogan 'One Earth, One Nation, One Future', Bhadarwah Development Authority (BDA) along with Police and Rural Development Department (RDD) carried out a massive cleanliness drive at snow filled Guldanda meadow of Bhaderwah, which is receiving huge flow of tourists from across country.

Bhadarwah Development Authority took the initiative to preserve nature by cleaning bio non degradable waste from the famous Guldanda meadow, which is being left dirty by the visitors & ven-



dors.

The campaign started with a awareness lecture by CEO BDA Bal Krishan at high altitude meadow in which beside officials of BDA, Police and RDD participated to motivate the tourists and visitors not to throw polythene, wrappers and other bio non degradable sub-

stances for the sake of environment and to save the natural beauty of high altitude tourist destination.

ASP Bhaderwah Vinod Sharma, BDO Bhaderwah Anoop Sharma, Officials of BDA, Police and RDD joined by tourists started cleanliness drive by collecting all the wrappers, plastic bottles

and other substances from nearly 1 KM area of the Snow filled meadow and the road. Dustbins were also installed by BDA at the Guldanda meadow to make it plastic free tourist destination.

Bal Krishan CEO BDA said that due to heavy rush of tourists, the environmental condition of famous high altitude meadow Guldanda in Bhadarwah were in bad state as there was wrappers and other bio non degradable garbage everywhere, we took the matter very seriously and beside educating visitors and vendors about cleanliness, we started its cleanliness along with RDD and Police as our PM has also given slogan 'One Earth, One Nation, One Future' during presidency of

G20 to save environment.

"We successfully managed to almost clear the entire meadow all the bio non degradable substances. He appealed that "visitors should use dustbins installed at different places," CEO added.

"Tourists not only happily participated in cleanliness drive but also requested the visitors present here, not to throw plastic and wrappers in the meadow. They also motivate others to use dustbins," CEO informed.

It is notable to mention here that according to the figures issued by BDA more than 1.5 lakh tourists visited Bhaderwah since last one week as Vibrant Bhaderwah Festival boost the winter tourism in Bhaderwah in a big way.

STC Talwara conducts 'Route March' of BRTC trainees

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REASE: As a part of training program, STC Talwara conducted route-march of Recruit Constables of Border Battalions presently undergoing Basic Recruit Training Course on Saturday from STC Talwara to Kansai Patta & back covering a distance of (10) Kms to build their physical forbearance.

Jameel Ahmed, SSP Principal STC Talwara flagged off the route march along with Sanjeev Kumar, Assistant Principal Indoor, Sh. Surdeep Singh, Assistant Principal Outdoor, Rajesh Anand, Assistant Principal Admn and other Outdoor and Indoor staff. Before leaving for route-march trainees were briefed about the advantages of route march and advised them to exhibit proper discipline during the route march.



Jameel Ahmed, SSP Principal STC Talwara flagging off route march.

ing the route march.

At conclusion, Principal STC Talwara emphasized upon trainees about the importance of route-march during training program as it is organized to check and improve their physical standard/stamina in outdoor activities which will prove beneficial to them during their field duties. Medical staff along with ambulance and necessary life-saving

drugs also remained the part of route march to meet any eventuality. Adequate security arrangements were also made to ensure smooth and incident free conduct of route-march. After the successful culmination of route march, a cultural program was presented by trainees and to encourage them rewards for best performers were announced by Principal STC Talwara on spot.

DDC Reasi chairs District Level Aadhaar Monitoring Committee meet



DDC Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan chairing a meeting.

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REASI: District Development Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan chaired a meeting of the District Level Aadhaar Monitoring Committee to finalize a comprehensive action plan for 100% saturation of Aadhaar cards and mandatory biometric updates. The focus was on strategizing mechanisms, particularly for children, with a detailed review of Aadhaar saturation statistics and Aadhaar Seva Kendras in Reasi.

The DDC highlighted the importance of enrolling children aged 0-5 years at Anganwadi Centres, immunization centers, and school students. He emphasized the establishment of ded-

icated Aadhaar enrollment counters and mandated all district employees to update their Aadhaar details by January 31st. To ensure widespread coverage, three-day enrollment camps in each tehsil, coupled with targeted awareness campaigns through Radio and Social Media, were recommended. The DDC urged all officers to update Aadhaar details by December 31st and called on departments to lead awareness initiatives. The meeting included the presence of ADDC Jyoti Slatia, CEO Sunita Bali, Project manager UIDAI Shoaib Khan, LDM Reasi, DIO, Dy:Sp Hqs Neeraj Padyar and concerned officers.

DC Rajouri inspects progress on developmental projects

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RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat on Saturday conducted a comprehensive inspection of the developmental projects in the region to assess their progress.

The projects inspected included the water supply schemes in Palma and Nagrota under Jal Jeevan Mission. Both projects are set to be completed by March 2024. The DC directed the officers to maintain the current momentum, with a primary focus on ensuring the timely completion of the projects without compromising on quality standards.

During his visit, the Deputy Commissioner also inspected the ongoing construction of the 110-meter span bridge connecting Palma to Chowkian. He



DC Rajouri Om Prakash Bhagat inspecting dev works.

closely examined the progress of the launching work on the bridge. This crucial project, executed by the Public Works Department (Roads & Buildings), is estimated to cost Rs. 418 lakh.

At Government Medical College (GMC) Rajouri, the DC inspected the staff quarters and directed the Public Works Department (PWD) to expedite the completion of

the pending work. He also directed the concerned authorities to provide all civic amenities, including water and other facilities, to the staff quarters for their smooth functioning.

The DC also paid a visit to the Girls' Hostel Block, where he identified a few issues that require immediate attention. One of the key concerns raised was the need

for the completion of the road leading to the Girls' Hostel Block. The Deputy Commissioner directed the XEN PWD to address this issue promptly. Additionally, the need for proper drainage in the area was highlighted, and the XEN PWD informed that a Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been submitted to the concerned authorities.

Furthermore, it was observed that a boundary wall needs to be constructed for the GMC Building. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of this boundary wall and instructed the concerned authorities to take the necessary steps to ensure its construction. Regarding the identification of suitable land for the water supply scheme, the XEN Jal Shakti has been directed to expedite

the process and identify suitable land for the project.

In conclusion, the district administration remains dedicated to the successful completion of these developmental projects, with a focus on improving the infrastructure and amenities for the benefit of the residents of Rajouri. By addressing the identified issues and ensuring efficient project execution, the district administration aims to enhance the overall development and well-being of the region.

Principal GMC Rajouri, Amar Jeet Singh; SE Hydraulics, Bhram Jyoti Sharma; SE PWD(R&B), Devi Dayal; XEN PWD(R&B) Rajouri, Sardar Khan; XEN Jal Shakti Rajouri, Ashwini Sharma and other concerned officers accompanied the DC during the visit.

Sheetal Nanda leads public outreach programme at Banihal

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BANIHAL: Commissioner Secretary Social Welfare department, Sheetal Nanda led a comprehensive public outreach program on Saturday to establish a direct dialogue between officials and the local residents.

During the outreach programme, the Commissioner Secretary held elaborative interactions with the locals and listened to their issues and grievances.

The public during the interaction, raised several issues before the Commissioner Secretary ranging from better infrastructure like approach roads to Khari railway station, internal road enhancements, and the establishment of a maternity hospital in Banihal. Issues like need for more teachers and a comprehensive plan for youth involved in infrastructure



Commissioner Secretary Social Welfare Department, Sheetal Nanda inspecting a stall.

projects were also brought into the notice of Commissioner Secretary.

While interacting with the public, Sheetal Nanda assured them unflinching unwavering support from the government. She addressed each demand patiently while emphasizing

on the potential benefits of centrally sponsored schemes on the public.

Encouraging active participation, Nanda highlighted the significance of utilizing schemes like Anganwadi Centres, marriage assistance schemes, Jeevan Jyoti Beema, Holistic Agriculture

Development, PMEGP, and skill development initiative for overall development of the region.

During the programme, the Commissioner Secretary explored stalls set up by various government departments showcasing various schemes as well as the rich local produce and handicrafts.

While inspecting the stalls, Sheetal Nanda recognized and appreciated the skills of Banihal's youth and the commendable contribution of women in handicrafts.

She also acknowledged the commendable efforts of district administration and asked them for further improvement in public service delivery.

On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner, Baseer Ul Haq Chaudhary reiterated the commitment to addressing public concerns, announcing regular fortnightly outreach

programmes in Banihal for continuous communication with general public.

Expressing gratitude, PO ICDS, Ramban, Jahangir Hashmi highlighted the success of the Vikshit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, which reached 70,000 people in 40 days, issuing Ayushman Cards and supporting agriculture through KCC cards.

The event concluded with a pledge, aligning with Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's vision for a developed India by 2047. The message was broadcasted, creating awareness about different schemes, fostering a sense of unity and collective responsibility.

ADC Ramban Harbans Lal; GM Industries Ramban, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Education Officer and SDM Banihal were present on the occasion.

Police wireless communication course commences at PTTI Vijaypur

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VIJAYPUR: Police Wireless Communication Course (PWCC) Level-1 commenced at PTTI Vijaypur for Police personnel of Telecommunication Wing of Jammu and Kashmir Police. The duration of the course includes 02 weeks Refresher Course followed by 12 weeks PWCC-Level-1 with a objective to enhance the capabilities of participants and expose them to the latest tools and techniques. The course was formally inaugurated by Dushyant Sharma, SSP, Vice Principal, PTTI Vijaypur who during Inaugural function briefed the trainees to take keen interest in their Indoor/Outdoor classes to secure better results in their examinations and emphasize



Dushyant Sharma, Vice Principal, PTTI addressing trainees.

sized upon them to maintain proper discipline in the Institute. Vice Principal further told the trainees that during training period they will be familiarized with various latest Electronics Devices and Circuits besides taught important topics like Radio Communication, Digital Electronics, Radio Communication, Optical Fibre, POLNET 2.0, Radio

Trunking System etc. which would definitely help them in performing field duties after training course.

Surrinder Paul, DySP (Indoor/Tech), Inspr. Ram Lal (CLL), Inspr. Himanshu Dutta (CTI), Inspr. Mulkh Raj, Inspr. Kanwal Raina, Inspr. Shehbaz Ahmed were present during inaugural function.

VC SKUAST-Jammu visits organic farming model

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UDHAMPUR: Prof. B.N. Tripathi Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu visited Narsingh Seva Kendra at village Khoon of Udhampur district. During his visit he stressed upon the promotion of organic farming in areas which are by default employing natural practices. He emphasised upon the use of bio-fertilisers to maintain production and productivity of vegetables and other major crops. While interacting with the farmers, Prof. Tripathi highlighted the importance of maintaining soil health and productivity through natural means. He also underlined the economic viability of Gaushala in promoting



Prof. B.N. Tripathi Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu during visit to Narsingh Seva Kendra at village Khoon.

integrated and natural systems of farming. Narsingh Seva Kendra is a centre for natural pathway and a Ved Pathshala which has been developed as a resourceful training centre for farmers. The centre is established in an area of 6 hectares. SKUAST-Jammu has recently signed an MoU with Narsingh Seva Kendra to standardise organic farming practices. During his visit, Vice Chancellor Prof. Tripathi issued directions to further develop the site by scientific interventions.

Prof. Tripathi was accompanied by Dr. Hema Tripathi, First Lady of

SKUAST-Jammu & National Coordinator ICAR NAHEP New Delhi and Dr. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension SKUAST-Jammu.

Dr. Hema Tripathi highlighted the scope of organic farming in terms of consumer demand at national level. She suggested the university scientists to formulate projects for building the site into a model farm for demonstrations on organic and natural farming.

In his remarks, Dr. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension, SKUAST-Jammu discussed the efforts made by the university to promote organic

farming in Jammu region. He informed that all KVKs of SKUAST-Jammu have already implemented the projects on natural farming in their respective districts. He highlighted the importance of value addition and marketing of natural products, including cow milk and milk products.

Raman Soori, Vice President Narsingh Seva Kendra presented the objectives of the project and future plan. During the interaction with Sarpanch and local farmers, the issue of value addition and processing of milk and byproducts of Gaushala was raised to sustain regular incomes.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Tripathi assured full cooperation to develop the centre for establishing it as a model training centre. During the visit, Prof. Tripathi also interacted with the students of Ved Pathshala

Other who attended the programme include Chain Singh General Secretary NSK and Scientists from SKUAST-Jammu. Dr. Vinod Gupta, Dr. Sanjay Koushal and Dr. Mandeep Singh.

KVK holds farmer scientist interaction

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KISHTWAR: Krishi Vigyan Kendra Kishtwar SKUAST Jammu on Saturday organized farmer scientist interaction at Village Shandier Panchayat Dugga of the District in which the farmers and farm women from the village. The programme was conducted by Dr. Narinder Paul, Head KVK Kishtwar under the guidance of Dr. Amrish Vaid Director Extension SKUAST Jammu.

The programme intended to get first hand experience of the



KVK official educating farmers.

farmers problems and cultivation practices being followed,

identify gaps in adoption of recommended practices and discuss technical issues related to the agriculture being faced by the farmers. The participants were encouraged to freely share their technical issues associated with scientific agriculture practices.

During the interaction, the farmers were educated about the latest techniques of crops production with major emphasis on scientific vegetable cultivation. Farmers' queries regarding diseases in vegetables, soil sampling, soil health card and PM KisanSammanNidhiwere deliberated upon. Besides, various issues of crop production and management were also discussed during technical session.

Tirth Ram, Swami Raj, Roshan Lal, Shadi Lal, Chummi Devi, Krishni Devi, Om Devi and other farmers of the village attended the programme. Dimple Kumar, PRI Member from village extended vote of thanks.

Lok Adalat to take up MACT Cases on January 27

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RAJOURI: On the directions of Chairman District Legal Services Authority (Pr. District & Sessions Judge) Rajouri, a Lok Adalat regarding MACT cases will be organized on 27th of January 2024 in District Court Complex Rajouri. The move aims to settle the large number of pending MACT cases through amicable settlement. The interested litigants have been invited to approach the respective Courts through their counsel where their cases are presently pending. In case of Holiday on 27th of January 2024 the Lok Adalat will be organized on the next working day. Interested parties can approach the concerned court well before the scheduled date and can get their cases fixed for the disposal in the Lok Adalat. All the standing Counsels of insurance companies appearing before MACT Rajouri are accordingly directed/requested to identify the cases which qualify for being taken up in the Lok Adalat, as per the provisions of the Legal Services Act 1987 and the rules and regulations framed there under, after making the preliminary exercise. The list of cases is to be submitted to the authority by or before 22nd of January 2024 to facilitate the constitution of benches in time.

Lok Adalat for settlement of Criminal Compoundable Cases on January 20

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RAJOURI: As per the schedule of J&K Legal Services Authority, Lok Adalat pertaining to Criminal Compoundable Cases, which are expected to be settled through amicable settlement will be taken up in the Lok Adalat scheduled on January 20, 2024 at District Court Complex Rajouri. All the presiding officers of the District Rajouri have been accordingly requested to identify the cases which qualify for being taken up in the Lok Adalat, as per the provisions of the Legal Services Act 1987 and the rules and regulations framed there under, after making the preliminary exercise. The list of cases is to be submitted to the authority by or before January 15, 2024 in order to facilitate the constitution of benches in time. Further interested litigants are directed to approach concerned courts for taking up in their cases in the said Lok Adalat.

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